

A message from the Chief Judge

Welcome to the new and official website of the Historical Society of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. Founded in 1984 at the urging of my predecessor, Chief Judge Clarkson S. Fisher, the Historical Society vigorously pursues its mission to honor and promote the history of our court which is now entering its 213th year. Indeed, this court was the second United States District Court in our new nation to convene proceedings, an event which we celebrated at the 200th anniversary of that occasion on December 14, 1989. The transcript of that ceremony and the presentations in that program are among the many interesting lessons about the history of our court that you will find on this website. We invite you to use the website to guide your inquiries about the history of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey which in large measure mirrors that of our great nation itself.

JOHN W. BISSELL
Chief Judge